GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE ON CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a Task Force on bringing all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Panchayati Raj Institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Task Force has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Task Force; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e): In conformity with the letter and spirit of Part IX of the Constitution, read with Article 243 ZD and the Eleventh Schedule, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) covering the 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution are to be planned and implemented by Panchayati Raj Institutions functioning as `institutions of local self-government`. While the guidelines in respect of some CSS provide for the centrality of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), there are other CSS where the PRIs are yet to be assigned a central role. In order to clarity and ensure the role of the PRIs in all CSS, consultations are being held with the Central Ministries concerned by a Review Committee under the aegis of the Cabinet Secretariat, co-chaired by Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Secretary (Coordination & Public Grievances), Cabinet Secretariat.